

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 8 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

It is important to note that the pressure differential  $P$  provided by the constriction may not be sufficient to lift liquids from the sump under some flow rate regimes. To improve the device, a one or more venting holes or openings 163 can be added to the riser tube at a location between the lower end 161 of the tube 16 and its upper nozzle 162. This variant of the present invention is shown in FIG. 1B.

Please replace the paragraph on beginning on line 9 of page 8 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Through the one or more venting holes 163, gas from the production zone can enter the conduit and mix with the liquids. The resulting mixture has a lower density and can thus be lifted higher by the same differential pressure.